

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Appellants:	Sweet et al.	Examiner:	Hillery, Nathan
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For:	DETERMINATION OF MEMBER PAGES FOR A HYPERLINKED DOCUMENT WITH RECURSIVE PAGE- LEVEL LINK ANALYSIS		

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**REPLY BRIEF**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.41, Appellants file this Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer of November 20, 2009. Appellants address particular points and continue to rely on the Arguments of their main Appeal Brief.

I. Neither Bharat nor Earl Provide the Step of “Grouping the Content”

As described in Appellants’ main Appeal Brief, the subject invention is directed to a methodology for assembling a document from content spanning multiple web-pages. The invention produces documents that are printable or viewable. With reference to claim 27, the main claim focused on by the Examiner in the Examiner’s Answer, claim 27 includes the step of: grouping the resultant set of candidate document pages by an automated system into a document representation stored in memory by the automated system.

As admitted by the Examiner at p. 5 of the Examiner’s Answer, this step is not disclosed in Bharat. At p. 6, the Examiner asserted that Earl discloses this step. However, the Examiner is incorrect on this assertion.

As pointed out by the Examiner, Earl is directed to a method which identifies different types of links 202, 204 and graphically presents those links to a user. (Col. 2, ll. 46-58). As discussed at col. 1, ll. 13-35, Earl’s method is provided to avoid “going in circles” while reviewing an on-line document with a series of links. The distinguished links provide a user with the ability to recognize whether a link is within the same document or outside of the document. In any regard, the result of Earl is a presentation of the links.

As set forth above, claim 37 includes the step of “grouping the resultant set of candidate document pages by an automated system into a *document representation*”. Neither Bharat nor Earl group document pages from a set of determined hyperlinks into a document representation. As admitted by the Examiner, Bharat has no such provision. Further, Earl only displays links.

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There is no collecting or grouping of document pages from the hyperlink in Earl. Earl and the subject invention are for different purposes. Specifically, Earl is directed to identifying the types of hyperlinks found in the document, while the subject invention is directed to a method of creating a document from document pages found in a group of hyperlinks.

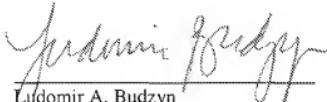
Claims 1 and 16, the other independent claims on appeal, include a similar “grouping” step: “grouping the content found in the resultant set of candidate document pages by an automated system into a document representation stored in memory by the automated system.” As admitted by the Examiner, Bharat provides no grouping of content from a set of determined hyperlinks into a document representation. Moreover, Earl only displays links and does not group any content associated with the links into a document representation.

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II. Conclusion

Favorable action is earnestly solicited. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 16 and 27 are patentable over Bharat and Earl, each taken alone or in combination. It is respectfully requested that claims 1, 16 and 27 be found patentable along with dependent claims 2-6, 10-13, 17-20, 25, 26, 28, 36 and 37.

Respectfully submitted,



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